



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Christian Knöpfle et al. EXAMINER: Philogene, Pedro  
SERIAL NO.: 09/921,233 GROUP ART UNIT: 3732  
FILED: August 1, 2001 ATTY DOCK. NO.: 60,500-072  
FOR: SELF-RETAINING IMPLANT AND A DEVICE FOR SECURING  
THE IMPLANT

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**AMENDMENT**

**ATTENTION: MAILSTOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2004, Paper No. 06252004, please amend the claims as follows and consider the accompanying remarks. This amendment has been prepared in accordance with the amendment format of 37 CFR §1.121 to place the application in condition for allowance.